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SUBJECT: LTDP COSTING

1. THE ANNEXES OF COMPREHENSIVE LTDP REPORT LACK THE
SPECIFICITY REQUIRED FOR ACCURATE EVALUATION OF COST
AND THEREFORE FOR MONITORING IMPLEMENTATION. IMPLEMENTA-
TION OF THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD HELP
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CORRECT THIS DEFICIENCY. REQUEST THAT YOU INFORMALLY
DISCUSS THEM WITH THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF TO OBTAIN
THEM IN THE LTDP, E.G., INSERT IN THE CURRENT ANNEXES
OF THE REPORT, IN A SEPARATE ANNEX OF REPORT, OR IN
A NEW DOCUMENT:

A. EACH PROPOSAL IN THE REPORT AND ANY SUPPLEMENTARY

DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE KEYED TO A SPECIFIC PAGE, PARAGRAPH AND/OR SERIAL IN A TASK FORCE REPORT, AND/OR TO A SPECIFIC COMPROMISE AGREEMENT DEVELOPED SUBSEQUENTLY. EQUALLY IMPORTANT, REPORT MUST HAVE A BETTER FIX ON HOW MUCH IS ALREADY IN NATIONAL PROGRAMS, EITHER DIRECTLY OR IN A FORM READILY MODIFIABLE TO CONFORM TO LTDP PROPOSALS.

B. PROPOSALS THAT ARE NOT TO BE SUBMITTED TO DEFENSE MINISTERS OR HEADS OF STATE SHOULD BE CLEARLY IDENTIFIED

AS "RETAINED" OR "EXCLUDED" FROM THE LTDP.

C. OUR PREFERRED WORDING FOR THE "COSTS" PARAGRAPH IN EACH OF THE ANNEXES OF THE REPORT (EXCEPT ANNEX H) IS: "THE TOTAL IDENTIFIABLE 15 YEAR (1979-1993) COST OF THE RECOMMENDED PROGRAMMES IS PROVISIONALLY ESTIMATED AT BLANK US DOLLARS IN 1977 PRICES. FOR THE MID-TERM (1979-1984), THE COST IS ESTIMATED AT BLANK US DOLLARS, OF WHICH BLANK US DOLLARS ARE UNPROGRAMMED. THE UNPROGRAMMED TOTAL AVERAGES BLANK PERCENT OF NATO'S PROJECTED DEFENSE SPENDING FOR 1979-1984.

2. DISCUSSION WITH THE IS SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT WITHOUT IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES 1A AND B, DEVELOPMENT OF REALISTIC AND ACCURATE COST FIGURES IS DIFFICULT, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE. THESE MEASURES ARE EQUALLY ESSENTIAL FOR ACCURATE MONITORING OF NATIONAL PERFORMANCE IN IMPLEMENTING THE LTDP.

3. HOWEVER, WE RECOGNIZE THAT AT THIS LATE DATE, DESPITE REPEATED US URGING OF TASK FORCES AND IS, IT SIMPLY MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO GET ADEQUATE FIGURES BETWEEN NOW AND FINAL REPORT. WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT HIGH UNREFINED FIGURES OF SORT IS SIMPLY COLLATES MIGHT EVEN BE POLITICALLY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE IF THEY TEND TO EXAGGERATE UNPROGRAMMED ADD-ON COSTS. WE WOULD LIKE MISSION'S ASSESSMENT ON THIS MATTER, AFTER SOUNDING OUT IS.

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